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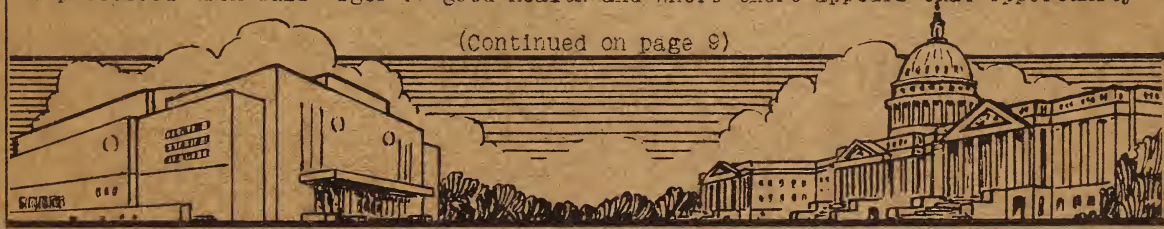
VETERAN FCA EMPLOYEE RETIRES

"There are very few today who can look back over so lengthy a service with the Federal farm loan system; there are few indeed who can feel with pardonable pride the satisfaction of so many years well spent in furtherance of the objectives of that System." These words were spoken in valedictory by Land Bank Commissioner Rhea to Mr. Walter R. Parkhill on the occasion of Mr. Parkhill's retirement from the FCA on April 30.

There drew to a conclusion on that date 32 years of service by Mr. Parkhill in the Federal Government, nearly 27 of which were spent with the Federal farm loan system. Born in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, Walter R. Parkhill was reared in the "Gopher State" and attended the University of Minnesota. His first engineering activities were in mining and railroad work in Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia, where he spent the first 5 years of his career. Late in 1913 he joined the Federal Government with the U. S. Reclamation Service at Denver, and for over 5 years was engaged in engineering studies in connection with the Colorado River basin and other investigations. In March 1919, he accepted appointment as an engineer appraiser assigned to the FLB of Berkeley and served in that capacity until 1926 when he was appointed the first reviewing appraiser to serve the 11th Farm Credit district. Four years later, Mr. Parkhill was appointed Chief Engineer Appraiser in the Central Office in Washington, in which capacity he has continued for the past 15 years.

Mr. Parkhill is availing himself of the opportunities of retirement at a time when he is possessed with full vigor of good health and where there appears that opportunity

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ASPIRING POETS, NOTE:

Miss Myrtes-Marie Plummer, the creative writing teacher, is offering a 6-session course in writing poetry beginning May 18 and continuing for 6 Fridays. The meetings will be held in Room 1345-E from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$3.00. For further information regarding the course call Marie Pühr.

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Items for the next issue of the GRAPEVINE should be in May 12.

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employee to Service:

Andrew N. Morrison

TOTAL 230

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Cpl. Herman Brody, (33189100, 34th S.C.U., 5th A.F., APO #710, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.) Thanks to each and every member of the Farm Credit Club for remembering me with a Yuletide gift. I received it just a few days ago. Santa Claus was a little late in his deliveries this year. I hear that some of his reindeer have gone to war.

Here in the Philippines the climate is about the same at Christmas time as it is in July, so the late arrival of a Christmas message is hardly noticeable.

I am now on detached service to the Far East Air Forces where I had the very pleasant surprise of meeting an old FCA

friend of mine, Pearl Spicknall of the 'Vise' Section. Such a meeting is a rare pleasure so far from home.

Since I last wrote to you I have traveled about eleven thousand miles and found it quite an interesting experience. I was in the Dutch East Indies for a while, before coming here.

I also wish to express my thanks to you for continuing to send me the Grapevine.

Pfc. Ruth G. Clark, (A709151, WAC Squadron, 1202d AAF BU, Central African Div., ATC, APO 606, c/o Postmaster, Miami, Florida.) I know it's late but I still want to thank all of you for the Christmas package which I received the latter part of January. It was great, and certainly appreciated. In my mind's eye I could just picture you Club members trotting around attending to all the many details.

Life on the Gold Coast of Africa has proved to be very interesting...We have plenty of entertainment on the base in the way of movies, a nice library, and places to dance and drink cokes, but the novelty soon wears off and everything becomes just routine. I am quite ready now to move on at any time.

Thanks a million for the Grapevine which comes to me quite regularly. Many names I see there are unfamiliar to me, I am counting on visiting with you by, I hope, the end of the year.

Sgt. Thomas F. Nelson, (U.S.M.C.R., U. S. Naval Hospital, McIntire Unit, Ward A N,

Great Lakes, Ill.) Just a few lines to let you know my new address so that I can continue to receive the Grapevine. I enjoy reading it and it also serves to keep me in contact with FCA.

I have covered a good many miles since I last wrote, and am now back in the good old States. After lasting six days on Iwo Jima I started the road back stopping at hospitals on Guam, Pearl Harbor, and Oakland where I received the best of care and got rid of some Jap scrap iron. Both the Army and the Navy joined hands to get me home as the Army flew me from Guam to Pearl Harbor and from there the Navy took over. My final stop is Great Lakes where final touches will be administered before I get a furlough home. Everyone has been wonderful and the treatment the best possible and included blood plasma from a donor to whom I am very grateful.

Lt. (Jg) M. A. Harrington, (JCA, Navy 926, Box 32, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.) Your very fine and thoughtful Christmas present got out here in the Marianas a few days ago. I guess it must have got started out in the wrong direction. Anyway it was very welcome and very much appreciated.

I enjoy very much the copies of the Grapevine you send me.

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THEY'RE NOT LETTING UP - WHY SHOULD WE?

KEEP ON BUYING BONDS
DURING THE 7TH WAR LOAN

Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. On April 16 Mina Jeffries was wed to Marine Sgt. Ray Carter in Grandview, Mo. A carnation corsage worn by Mary Ketchum the next day was a souvenir of her participation in the ceremony as maid of honor...Melba Cooper is absent from the office on extended leave because of illness... Newcomer Ida Bousfield is welcomed to the section...Clarice Andrews has returned from a short period of convalescence at her home in Howard, Kans., following a tonsillectomy.

Chief of Administrative Division's Office and Planning. Paul Rapp departed on an eastern pleasure and personal business trip...We hear that L. B. "Champ" Collins who, with his partner Mildred Hamilton, won the bowling sweepstakes is in the money now.

Chief Clerk's Office. Several farewell parties honored Alverta Marston who departs on April 25 for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for basic training for service in the Purple Heart Division of the WAC's. Following her training she will be stationed at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver...Jane Nevin is a new aunt to a 7½ pound baby girl.

Cooperative. Alma Day has a guest from Panama...Rosaly Ham week-ended at her

home in Atchison, Kans....Returning from her home in Oklahoma, Leora Welch reports that her mother's health is improved... Hester Eads entertained her brother who departs soon for Army training.

Economic & Credit Research. Elizabeth Frew spent 2 days at home preparing for the wedding of her sister, Ruth, which event occurred on April 16 at the Broadway Methodist Church. Margaret Frew, a former FCA'er, was a bridesmaid to her sister...Flavia Livick, who parted from the division to accept a position with the Treasury Dept. in Chicago, was a recent visitor.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Our sympathy to Mildred Talbott in the loss of her father on April 8...Jack Frost, from the Columbia district, is presently lending his assistance in the central office.

Examination. Mary Nolz has received word that her Marine brother, Paul, has returned to San Diego after 33 months' service in the Southwest Pacific...Our sympathy to Kay McCarthy on the death of a cousin...Could it be spring that did it? V. A. Bixler on a recent eve closed his desk, took his hat in hand, and was ready to depart when he looked around to find everyone else busily at work. He glanced more closely at the clock and found it was 4:40 instead of 5:40, so he polished his glasses, put back his hat, opened his desk, and worked another hour.

Finance & Accounts. Gladys Rovillo has returned from a 2 weeks' visit with

relatives in Lexington, Mo., and Dallas, Tex....Marguerite Morris was a Kansas City vacationist recently...Typing Pool welcomes newcomer Barbara Jean Kelly...Ruthie Hudson's parents from Smithton, Mo., were guests of hers recently while celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary...A few days' stay in Nevada and Cartersville, Mo., was a recent pleasure of Verna Brewer.

General Files. Pearl Ferguson is back at her desk after a nose operation at St. Luke's Hospital...Coleman Ballard and Thomas Cunningham returned to the office following short illnesses.

Intermediate Credit. Deputy Commissioner Johnnie Walker, who has been ill since the latter part of March, on the recommendation of his physician has gone to Jacksonville, Fla., to recuperate. All wish him a speedy recovery and an early return to our midst.

Library. Top honors and a medal were won by Louise Pressgrove in the finals of the oratorical contest held at the commencement banquet of the public speaking classes of the Kansas City Adv. Club, on April 20; her subject was "Beyond Victory" and friends present report that she surpassed even her usual brilliant performance. On the following evening Mrs. Pressgrove was one of the after-dinner speakers at a "mortgage burning" banquet held at the club, at which time her wit matched her sincerity of the evening before...Bernice Nilson marched down the aisle to the strains of Lohengrin on April 19 at the First Lutheran Church -

as an attendant, not a bride, but she did catch the bride's bouquet...Mabel Schweitzer had as recent week-end guests her mother and sister from Ottawa, Kans.

Mall. The odor of fresh paint blended with the perfume of cut roses, sweet peas, and gardenias announces the completion of spring housecleaning in the section... Bob Drescher spent a short vacation in Hannibal, Mo....Will Campbell from Purchase & Supply Section is replacing Oliver Mitchell, who parted from FCA, as chauffeur...Thanks to a gracious lady in the 2200 corridor on the second floor, members of the section doubly enjoyed a recent rest period when a box of fresh doughnuts was passed around.

Mortgage Corporation Service. A tiny bundle of femininity which arrived on April 12 is the cause for the happy but distracted look on Jimmy Gibbs' face as he covers the city in a search for milk bottles and other necessities.

Personnel. Margaret Gallagher, who became Mrs. Ben Russell on April 14, was honored at a luncheon at Wolferman's Tiffan Room. A gift of the division to the newlyweds was a set of Wedgewood dishes...Marie Wassenberg spent a week end with her mother in Frankfort, Kans... Recent visitors in the division include Dan Braum from the Department in Washington and former FCA'ers John Francis from Chicago and Corrine Matter from Topeka...Jeanne Walkup is in Research Hospital recovering from an arm operation...Recent travelers on official

business include Camille Humbrecht who has returned from a trip to St Louis and Ben Russell who is in Omaha...Geraldine Lloyd visited several days with Washington friends...We hear that Vivian Gustafson, who parted from FCA in the fall of 1943, is recuperating from an appendectomy at her home in Page City, Kans.

Solicitor's Office. LaBruce King is presently in Washington on official business...Florence Middelkamp spent 2 days visiting near St. Louis...Adelina Doyle is an eastern vacationist...A breath of fresh country air on a visit with relatives was a recent pleasure of Ruth Lane's...Harriett Dodds dropped in on her parents in Independence, Kans., for a short visit.

Stenographic. Two new employees are welcomed to the section, Catherine Myers and Harriett Crawford...Mary Ellen Coles has resigned from FCA and is now basking in the California sun.

Tabulating. A niece of Helen Riggs' was a visitor in the office...Recent traveling week-endists include Norma Jeanne Talkington and Jeanne Gross to Rosecrans Field in St. Joe, Mo.; and Eleanor Franklin to Lincoln, Nebr.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Now that Giff Hoag is back from KC we have been able to catch up on the news - at lunchtime the other day he told us that he had a letter from George Thomson who was on a 24-hour pass and during that

time was in Brussels, Luxembourg, France, and Germany. Bill Maddox is now in Guam - for the "Petroleum World." R. C. Dorsey (hospitalized at Camp Pickett) is now home on furlough for 3 weeks and was greeted by Major Otis Weaver (who saw Lt. Gans in a restaurant in England recently) and W. Winchell Hoag. They say Dorsey looks fine and is in good spirits.

Dr. Knapp has been granted 5 months' leave of absence to work on a study of the cooperative purchasing movement for the Brookings Institution. Len Wooton has resigned from our Fruit and Vegetable Section, CR&S, and will be with the Ninth Street Skookum Growers, Wenatchee, Washington. Also in Wenatchee is George Hudson who is convalescing from an illness contracted in Iran.

WEDDING BELLS

Cooperative Bank Commissioner Samuel D. Sanders and Mrs. Maude Belle Bass of Petaluma, California, were united in marriage Sunday evening, April 22, at the parsonage of the Broadway Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Ting R. Champie in the presence of close friends and relatives. They will be at home to their friends in Kansas City at the Ambassador Hotel after May 12.

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The boys doing the fighting haven't decided the war's over. They know you can't ease up until victory is final.

BUY MORE BONDS
DURING THE 7TH WAR LOAN

SMALL WORLD

"I have always heard that one heard strange noises from the seas. Well, I can truthfully report that it's true, at least in the Pacific. One Sunday morning while I was at breakfast I heard a strange sound. It was strange because it was familiar. It was coming from the 'squawk box' on the bulkhead. When the strange familiar sound ended, a voice said 'You have just listened to I. W. Duggan, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration'."

(Our thanks to Lt. J. B. Young, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, for this story. Lt. Young was formerly an associate of I. W. Duggan in the Agricultural Adjustment Agency.)

THE CHASE

"Stop! Stop!" screamed Mary. Oblivious to the traffic snarling around her, she skidded after the street car, beating futilely on the glass panel of the back door with her gloved fist. Her page boy bob disintegrated in a wild black cloud around her camellia petal face.

"Oh, nuts!" she spluttered. Her deep blue eyes glittered with angry frustration as the street car glided swiftly away. "There goes my present for Bob. I just bet I never see my pocketbook again."

"Say, little lady," admonished the young red-haired policeman, from the window of his cruising car, "you want to be careful how you take out in traffic

like that. You are liable to fall and break a leg on the ice, or get run over."

"But officer," objected Mary, "I bet you'd do the same thing if you lost all your salary check just like I did, and me just a poor stenographer. Most of the money was for a present for somebody who's graduating from Officer's Candidate School."

"Anyway, you should be careful."

"Oh, sure," retorted Mary. "But I am still alive - and I want my pocketbook. But definitely!"

"O.K." the officer replied. "I'll tell you what I'll do. Hop in, and we'll run that street car down. I believe I'll have time before I report for duty."

"That's simply super of you, officer," squealed the delighted girl. Chills of shivery excitement prickled Mary's skin at the raucous, insolent scream of the siren. Traffic drew aside respectfully.

"There's the car now," Mary cried.

"Wait a minute, will you, buddy?" the law enforcer asked the motorman. "The young lady thinks she left her purse on your car."

Mary climbed hastily into the public conveyance and raced back to a rear seat. Like a swallow descending, her hopes took a nose-dive.

"It's not here." Dismay puckered her small features. "My pocketbook's not here. Maybe the motorman.."

A faint glow tinted her face, "But you're not the one," she exclaimed. "My goodness, I'm on the wrong car. Excuse me." She backed hastily down the steps.

On the sidewalk, Mary eyed the policeman expectantly. "What now?"

"I'm sorry, miss," he answered regretfully. "I'm afraid that's the best I can do for you."

"But officer, what will the second lieutenant think? He's going to be mighty disappointed if I don't send him a present. Oh, please," she pleaded, "Let's try one more car!"

"I'd really like to, miss, but I just can't. They're pretty insistent on punctuality down at my place."

Mary's eyes gleamed with a suddenly conceived plan. "Promise me you'll wait right here. I'll be back in a couple or three minutes."

Before the astonished officer could refuse, the girl dashed into the corner drug store. She emerged looking as bland as the cat who ate the goldfish.

"Well?" queried the officer.

"Just a minute. You'll find out."

The loud speaker on the vehicle blared forth, "Calling Car 45. Calling Car 45."

"Why, that's me," said the sleuth.

The voice of the announcer continued. "Assist Miss Mary Brown at 10th and Locust to find purse. That's all."

"Well, Miss Brown, I've got to hand it to you. Let's go. How did you.."

"Just called headquarters - told the man the whole story."

"You must think a lot of your young man. Let's try this car."

As Mary boarded the conveyance she scrutinized the motorman. "This time I'm on the right car. Now for the loot."

"What do you know? It's here! It's here," she repeated delightedly.

Mary sped back to the policeman. "I found it! Oh, I'm so happy that I could

kiss you!"

"Say, now, wait a minute," admonished the embarrassed young man. He looked at her reproachfully. "What good is a nice present to your boy friend if you are two-timing him on the side?"

The two clear black-fringed eyes danced. "I didn't say he was my boy friend, did I? In fact, I needed some of this money to send a present to Bob, my brother."

"Your brother! Well, how about that? In that case, Miss Brown, I'll take a rain check on your offer. Address and telephone number," he smiled, pulling out a pad and pencil.

- Catherine Hardy

The above story appears in the May issue of THE AMERICAN COURIER, a local publication for amateur and experienced writers. Of Catherine's story, the review critic has said, "Again a helpless female gets her man through the old game of letting him help her. An enjoyable tale professionally written. If its writer isn't, she should be selling. She shows that a big part of writing is in how one writes it, almost as big as the plot." ...Congratulations, Catherine!

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A witness was asked to tell what he found on the premises.

"Naught but barren nothingness, as Shakespeare says," testified the witness.

"Never mind what Shakespeare says!" commanded the court. "If he knows anything about this case he can be summoned!"

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before him to take a well earned rest and devote his leisure to those personal avocations which appeal to him.

Prior to his departure Mr. Parkhill was presented with a scroll signed by fellow workers in the Central Office and a Gruen wrist watch as a token of esteem from the engineer appraisers in the field and his associates in the Appraisal Subdivision.

In leaving, he takes with him a wealth of associations of all those things he has seen and all those things he has done during these many years, and the sincerest good wishes of all members of the staff and his many associates throughout the system for his continued good health and prosperity in the days to come. (JMM)

250 DANCERS UNDAUNTED BY RAIN

In spite of a steady downpour of rain the evening of Friday, April 27, the annual spring dance of the Farm Credit Club, held in the ballroom of the President Hotel, was one of the most successful parties given by the club in Kansas City. About 250 dancers (including a large number of Army and Navy men who accepted the club's invitation) were welcomed by Kathleen Thomas and her gracious hostesses. Many of the ladies wore colorful formals, or lovely white or black, which seemed to please the gallant service men; and a number of FCA's handsome men arrived in black and white evening wear.

A gay party spirit prevailed all through the evening as dancers waltzed and jitterbugged to the music of Kenneth White and his orchestra, the evening climaxing with a spreading rhumba. John Guill was there with his injured foot and his crutches and had a good time just visiting. The prizes of War Savings stamps for the holders of lucky numbers were handed out by Walter Hein to Catherine Champe (\$7.50), Frances Price (\$5.00), and L. Carter, Naval dental student (\$2.50).

It was still raining at 11:45 but the dancers didn't mind as they dashed under umbrellas and doorways to waiting cars and taxis, because they had had a good time. (ACB)

FCA HIKERS STAGE REUNION
IN WASHINGTON

On Sunday, April 22, Helen Johnston of Cooperative Research and Service Division in Washington led a hike up Cabin John Creek to her rock garden. In the garden, which contained specimens of 40 different ferns and many wild flowers, hikers found in bloom columbine, spring beauty, azalea, wild geranium, dogwood, May apple, cinquefoil, wake robin, bluets, phlox, trillium, and jack in the pulpit. After inspecting the garden, the group walked down the creek to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and up the tow path past several locks to Helen's wild flower preserve for a supper of cold snacks. Hikers returned by way of Glen Echo and, with boxes of popcorn in hand, topped

off the day with a ride on the roller coaster.

Included in the group were Dora Marquette, Karlene Propp, three USDA guests, and Paul Rapp out from Kansas City. Bill Harris, Gladys Barnes, and Maxine Lehman had planned to join the party but were unable to squeeze into the packed Glen Echo and Cabin John cars.

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Change your directory, or add to it)

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The boss asked, "Why are you late?"
He replied, "I overslept."
The boss: "Do you sleep at home too?"

THANK YOU

The following letter was received by Dorothy Owens who was instrumental in getting the large number of service men for the Farm Credit Club spring dance:

"We of the 4279th Quartermaster Depot Company wish to thank you very much for your kind invitation to the Farm Credit Administration dance. All of the Company who were able to attend agreed that a good time was had. You have made our stay here in Kansas City more pleasant by your consideration."

Sincerely yours,
R. L. Holcombe
2nd Lt., QMC"

HIKERS VISIT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

A delightful spring day, interesting countryside, and a picnic at Lake Maurer made the annual spring trip of the Farm Credit hikers to Excelsior Springs on Sunday, April 29, an enjoyable event. It was the first hike for Elizabeth Ammon, Hazel Foster, and John Dahill; regular hikers included Betty Barnhart, Mary Nolz, Dorothy O'Bryan, Marie Puhr, and John Kennedy. (MP)

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You'll want to remember:

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day, a day on which each one of us reflects: "God made a wonderful mother, And He gave that dear Mother to me."

Home Service News



CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

When the local chairman of the United National Clothing Collection asked Farm Credit to be a collection center for clothing during the drive which was conducted from April 15-30, inclusive, FCA employees responded with their usual fine spirit of cooperation. Four and a half large cartons and five men's suit boxes were filled to overflowing with various kinds of needed wearing apparel and delivered to headquarters, each contributor glad to share what others could wear.

MOTOR CORPS NOTES

Three FCA girls, Marie Wassenberg, Catherine Hardy, Lorraine Lagergren, who are members of the Motor Corps are taking a new streamlined course for "rookie truck drivers." The Liberty Memorial Mall is the site of this intensive training being given by the 3rd Infantry under Captain Thomas. Upon completion of the course, the girls have been assured they will be able to drive anything on the road up to two tons - and then will be in line for driving the new bus which makes the weekly trips to Leavenworth. To have as one's destination a whole reservation of men may be worth the effort, girls!

Delta Vaughn and Alma Franklin appeared on the March honor roll of the Motor Corps.

BE A GRAY LADY

FCA women have elicited great interest in the forthcoming Red Cross course, whereby business women may become "Gray Ladies." This type of hospital work has been to a great extent confined to day work, but hospitals are realizing a need for evening visitors to assist in this humanitarian project. The lectures will be given beginning June 4 to approved applicants. Mrs. Richards at Red Cross headquarters may be consulted concerning details of the course and nature of the work.

FRANK BUT EFFECTIVE

After failing to get many replies to an ad for stenographers, a firm ran this copy in a newspaper:

"You can be cross-eyed, pigeon-toed, table-legged and anemic...or you can be a ravishing beauty. All we want to know is, lady, can you type and take shorthand? Age requirements, 21 to 91. Ability? Yes, you should have a little. Physical condition...strength enough to get you to the cashier each week to collect \$35. Seriously, this is a very pleasant job with an old-established firm and now we're not kidding. May we hear from you, please?"

That ad brought 51 applications after others had failed to bring even one.

Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

DARKNESS OF SLUMBER - Rosemary Kutak
 THE UPSTART - Edison Marshall
 THE WIDE HOUSE - Taylor Caldwell
 THE SMALL RAIN - Madeleine L'Engle
 WINGED VICTORY - Moss Hart
 THE DOCTOR'S JOB - Carl Dinger, M. D.
 THE BALLAD AND THE SOURCE - Rosamund Lehman
 MANHATTAN FURLOUGH - Hiram Haydn
 THE IRON GATES - Margaret Millar
 FAMILY ON THE HILL - Ambrose Flack
 ONE ANGEL LESS - H. W. Roden
 NOW THAT APRIL'S HERE - Daisy Neumann
 THE DEADLY DOVE - Rufus King
 SAGE QUARTER - Bernice Kelly Harris
 THE LUCKY STIFF - Craig Rice
 ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT GLORY - Marion Spinelli
 PAYOFF FOR THE BANKER - Frances and Richard Lockridge

HOBBY SHOW

Don't forget the dates of your hobby show - May 22, 23, and 24. Now is the time to start planning your entries. Entry blanks and more information will be forthcoming in the next issue of the GRAPEVINE.

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BUY MORE WAR BONDS

A SPECIAL INVITATION

The FCA Creative Writing Class, through Myrtes Marie Plummer, instructor, extends a special invitation to all Farm Credit employees to attend the closing exercises of Miss Plummer's combined writing classes, the YMCA class, the Business and Professional Women's class, and the FCA class.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Lillian Turner Findley, who has chosen as her subject "But Can You Write It?"

One of the most interesting features of the program will be a contest of all pupils for the best 150 word paper on "What Creative Writing Has Done For Me." Three papers, previously selected from each class, will be considered, with Mrs. Findley acting as judge and presenting the prizes.

FCA's contribution to the program, aside from entering the contest, will consist of musical numbers by the Choral Group; the introduction of compositions recently published by Mr. Wallace A. List, a pupil in the YMCA Class, by selected members of the chorus; and a talk "Excess - But Not Baggage," by Hester Waters.

The time is Tuesday, May 15, 1945, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the YMCA, 10th and Oak Street.

Members of the FCA writing class have been attending Miss Plummer's programs for the past two years and acclaim them both interesting and instructive. The class is most desirous for all who will to attend. Your attendance will lend encouragement to the members in their writing efforts. HWV



Sportlight



Forty couples toed the line on the evening of April 19 as the men's and women's bowling leagues closed their regular seasons with a mixed sweepstakes. When the blasting was over and the dust, smoke, etc., had cleared from the Plaza Bowl lanes, it appeared that the team of Lowell Collins and Mildred Hamilton had captured first place with a gross set of 1054. They were followed by the combinations of Bob Yorkdale-Yvonne Meuers (1027), Boots and Margaret Porter (1019), G. Beauchamp - Margaret Working (1004) and Ray McWhirt - Bernice Meuers (983) who copped second, third, fourth, and fifth places, respectively. High game for men went to Dahill with 215 and for women to Yvonne Meuers with 180. John Maguire had difficulty finding the head pin, and as a result he and his partner, Norma Shreve, clinched the usual booby prize with a low gross set of 735.

RMCW

LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first ladies' golf tournament will begin Sunday, June 3. At least 5 scores for 18 holes each must be turned in by Monday, May 28, in order to qualify.

Turn in names and scores to Eileen Hague.

GAY FINALE

The FCA Women's bowling season closed Thursday night, April 26, with a banquet in the Pine Room of the Union Station, at which Margaret Porter, president of the league, officiated. Prizes were distributed at the close of the dinner. Mary Feeley's and Meda Martin's imitations of bowling stances of various girls in the league were hilariously enjoyed. Pat Clark read a poem by Clarice Andrews which summarized the year's bowling activities. Helen McCabe gave a stirring rendition of her poem, "The Bowler's Lament," which follows:

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THE BOWLER'S LAMENT

There are books and pamphlets on
bowling,

I've read them by the score;
They tell you how to select your ball,
With just the proper bore.

How to take your stance, balance your
weight,
Develop an easy stride,
Bring back the ball to the proper height,
End with a graceful glide.

Release your ball at the selected point,
(Be careful of that hook),
You'll hit the pocket every time -
According to the book.

I take my stance and balance my weight,
And go through all the motions,
But when the ball is on its own,
It gets the darndest notions.

It starts right for the one-three spot,
But hits the head pin square,
Leaving that buga-boo, the seven-ten
split,
I rave and tear my hair.

It misses a single by the width of a
pin -
It knows no why or wherefore -
Or the alley is narrow and it rolls
right off,
That's what the gutters are there for.

When the ball behaves and my score is
high,
The game is fascinating.
When the score sheet shows only misses
and splits,
It's doggone aggravating.

Some day I'll buy a bowling alley,
And deck it in festive attire,
With flags, and bunting, and streamers,
And set the place on fire.

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ToooWit ToooWooo

Never had the choral group been in better
voice than at the Wednesday noon concert
on April 18.

The first two selections, which were
sacred, were dedicated to the memory of
our late President. "Take My Hand," to
the soul stirring melody of Anton Dvorak's
"Going Home," was beautifully reverent in
rendition, yet outstanding in its sim-
plicity. "Ave Maria," gripped our over-
flowing hearts anew with grief for our

departed leader, yet throughout the song,
hope was paramount.

It was F.C.A.'s first opportunity to hear
Isabelle McGinnis. Her rich soprano voice
was most pleasing, possessing true pro-
fessional qualities. The chorus is indeed
fortunate in securing her services as a
part time director and soloist.

The girls possess a keen conception of
interpretation, which was evident when
they swung into the lighter vein of "Amor,
and "The Owl," portraying a gay caballero
and a wise old owl, out for the same
objective - to pitch woo.

Adversity has stalked the choral group
throughout its almost a year's existence.
Choral practice, while soul satisfying, is
hard work. There always seem to be so
many other things to do on Monday night,
but somehow the girls stick to it. When
hours seem darkest, usually their perform-
ance is most brilliant. Take Friday,
April 20, for instance. The girls sang at
a Pan American Day celebration. As if the
heavy rain were not enough, absentees in-
creased until only five girls reported for
duty. Even the lights went out and de-
layed the program, but the girls sang
"Amor" in Spanish so beautifully that a
well known South American opera singer who
was present said their Spanish was flaw-
less! The way they rolled their eyes
showed they knew what they were singing.

Under the splendid direction of Waverly
Haynes and Isabelle McGinnis the choral
group has made much progress. New faces
have appeared in the chorus, and it is
hoped others also will feel the urge to
join.

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